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## BELCHERTOWN & GRANBY TOWN ELECTIONS

# Aponte, Pucel win seats



Incumbent Ruby Bansal won reelection to the Belchertown School Committee in the Annual Town Election on Monday.



Ron Aponte, former Finance Committee, won election to the Belchertown Selectboard.

# Annual Town Election draws 13% turnout

Beaulieu beats  
Chojnacki in  
Selectboard race

**MELINA BOURDEAU**  
Staff writer

GRANBY – The Annual Town Election drew 604 voters to the polls on Monday to elect Planning Board, Selectboard and other elected officials, according to the unofficial results published by the Granby Town Clerk, Kathy Kelly-Regan.

Of the two candidates for Selectboard, Richard Beaulieu won the seat with 374 votes to Stephen Chojnacki's 205. The position has a three-year term.

There were two candidates for the Board of Assessors, which has a three-year term.

Dakota Richards won the position with 294 votes to candidate James Healy's 286.

Richards also ran for a seat on the Planning Board, which has a five-year term. Candidate Nita Abbott won the seat with 316 votes to Richards' 265 votes.

The remaining races were uncontested.

Lee Lalonde won reelection to the Board of Health, which



PHOTO BY MELINA BOURDEAU

There was a 13% voter turnout to Granby Jr/Sr High School on Monday for the Annual Town Election.

has a three-year term. He received 491 votes.

Incumbent Lynn Snopek Mercier won reelection as the town moderator. The position has a three-year term. Mercier received 498 votes.

Nicole Menard won the positions as Town Collector with 501 votes. The position has a three-year term.

Incumbent Steven Nally won reelection as Town Treasurer with 462 votes. The position has a three-year term.

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## Annual Town Election draws 10.45% turnout

**MELINA BOURDEAU**  
Staff writer

BELCHERTOWN – Belchertown will have three new officials on the Selectboard and School Committee after Annual Town Election on Monday, according to

the unofficial election results from the Town Clerk Colleen Toothill Berte.

There were 1,201 voters who came to the polls out of a total of 11,511 registered voters.

Former Finance Committee Chair Ronald Aponte and Nicholas Pucel

won the two available Selectboard seats with 756 and 658 votes respectively. Candidate George "Archie" Archibale received 539 votes.

The positions have a three year-term.

Pucel said he is looking forward to bringing positivity to the Selectboard.

See **BELCHERTOWN**, page 15 •

# Officials celebrate designation of Lampson Brook Farm

**MELINA BOURDEAU**  
Staff writer

BELCHERTOWN – Senator Eric Lesser (D-Longmeadow) hosted state and local officials at Lampson Brook Farm last week to celebrate the permanent protection and stewardship of the farm.

The act was signed into law earlier this year and sponsored by Senator Lesser. It now protects five separate parcels that make up the approximate 430-acre historic site known as the Lampson Brook Farm.

Former Representative Thomas Petrolati helped secure the passage of this legislation in the House as one of his final acts before completing his term.

Lesser said he was in awe of the community's effort to preserve such a "sacred space."

"What this does is establish a protocol and a board with the powers of state government to oversee the protection, conservation and preservation of the Lampson Brook property," Lesser said. "This was a complicated project...If you look behind us there is a wooded portion, which was under the Dept. of Conversation Authority, there is a farmer portion that was under the Dept. of Agriculture Authority, there was a working farm, an enterprise zone. There were five different parcels in total that had to be considered and you have a view of almost all of it from right

here."

He said with each parcel came different needs, ownership and expectations which took collaboration to designate it a historic site.

Rep. Jake Oliveira (D-Ludlow) spoke to that collaboration.

"When I came to this farm during the campaign about seven or eight months ago, I got a tour of the arm from (Town Administrator Gary Brougham). He took me around this farm and Belchertown. It was an eye-opening experience, over the last couple of months I've become to feel like I am a member of Belchertown ... it's been great

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Belchertown Selectboard member Jennifer Turner said she wanted to thank those who made the protection of Lampson Brook possible.



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## COMMUNITY

# Belchertown's in the green

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**BELCHERTOWN** – Belchertown has gone into the Department of Public Health's green designation in the last two-week period.

From Sunday, May 9 to Saturday, May 15, Belchertown's current case positivity rate is 1.01% which is lower than last week's 1.29%.

The town's case numbers are in the single digits in the last weekly period

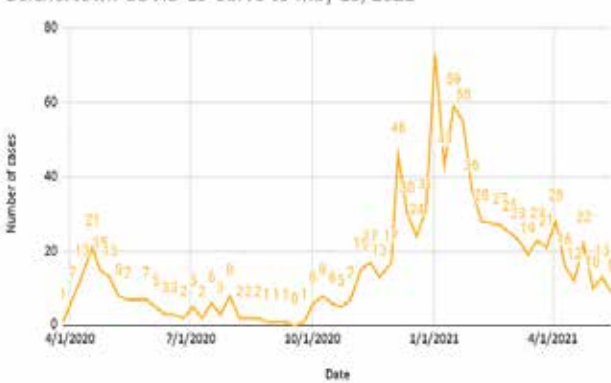
according to the Quabbin Health District.

From Sunday, May 9 to Saturday, May 15, there were nine new cases of COVID-19, making the total number of cases 906. There were no new deaths, leaving the number of COVID-19 deaths at 16.

There were 889 tests performed in this weekly period and a total of 38,925 tests as of May 2.

The number of residents with at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine is at 53.7% and there are 37.6% of residents that are fully vaccinated.

Belchertown COVID-19 Curve to May 15, 2021



## Spring Migration Bike, Hike, and Bird at state parks

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- Canalside Rail Trail, 2 Avenue A, Turners Falls (includes a visit to the grounds of the Great Falls Discovery Center)

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## Belchertown PD makes drug distribution arrests

**BELCHERTOWN** – Two people were arrested in connection with a recent drug investigation in Belchertown.

At approximately 6:05 a.m. on May 13, 2021, members of the Northwestern District Anti-Crime Task Force and officers of the Belchertown Police Department executed a search warrant at a residence located at 89 Sargent St, Belchertown. The warrant was requested after a lengthy investigation into the illegal sales of drugs from the home.

The search revealed approximately 119 grams of cocaine and approximately 250 individual bags of heroin. The search also yielded \$5,210 in cash and other evidence of sales.

Timothy Hayward, 47, was arrested and charged with Possession of a Class A substance with intent to distribute, a subsequent offense (Heroin) and trafficking a Class B substance (Cocaine).

Also arrested was Ashley Saint Laurent, 33, for possession of a Class A substance with intent to distribute (Heroin) and trafficking a Class B substance (Cocaine).

The two were booked at the Belchertown Police Department and later arraigned at the Eastern Hampshire District Court.



Ashley St. Laurent



Timothy Hayward



COURTESY PHOTOS

Two people were arrested on charges of possession of class A substance, intent to distribute and others in a recent investigation by Belchertown and State police.

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## COMMUNITY

# Proposed updates to bylaws to be voted on at ATM

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Correspondent

GRANBY – Granby's Bylaw Review Committee has put together a draft document of changes to the town's general bylaws, which were approved for Town Meeting.

The Selectboard is set to discuss the Town Meeting warrant at its next meeting.

The committee was appointed by the Selectboard in 2015 and has met more than 60 times since.

Members have researched, reviewed, reorganized and revised the town's general bylaws and recently, the committee held a public forum to review the bylaws and the major suggested changes.

"After years of work we have come up with a document that we believe sets us up well for the future," the committee presentation documents state. "The Bylaws are a living document. We can change them at will. They are not set in stone once they are approved."

Among the many changes to the bylaws was the Annual Town Meeting dates, which, if passed at Town Meeting, will change from the second Monday in May to the second and fourth, if needed, Tuesdays to "help school and state issues," according to the Committee.

The Finance Committee section saw several changes. Currently, the language states that the Town

Administrator develops and presents a balanced budget to the Selectboard, according to forum documents, and that the Finance Committee takes and can amend any way they want before Town Meeting. The Bylaw Committee has suggested changing the Finance Committee's role to an advisory role as the town's unbiased "budget watchdog" as suggested by several guiding agencies.

The Town Clerk section language will feature an added list of responsibilities, and the Town Treasurer section will expand the explanation of duties and responsibilities.

Drone regulations were added to the Regulations of Traffic and

Motor Vehicles section, as well as language adding zero emissions vehicle parking regulations. There were also several changes to the tag sales and flea market regulations, including updates to the hours of tag sales, the number per year, and more.

Significant changes were made to the Animal Control section, according to the presentation, that adopt new legislation related to Animal Control.

These are "completely new regulations for the Town," and almost all the bylaw additions were determined and directed by the legislation.

Under Public Health and Safety, a nuisance "noise pollution" bylaw was added that

restricts power tools and more from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. and includes a long list of exemptions.

Also, the list of fees was completed removed, forum documents state.

"If we ever had to change one of [the fees], it would have to go through a Bylaw change procedure," the Committee presented, adding that this is "not very timely or efficient."

Many more changes were made to the bylaws and reviewed during the forum; no changes were made during the forum. A copy of the draft document is available on the town website.

## Soil Health program encourages soil health adoption

NORTHAMPTON – American Farmland Trust, in partnership with the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources and NOFA/Mass, announced a comprehensive soil health program, incentivizing farmers throughout Massachusetts to adopt regenerative agriculture practices with the goal of improving resilience to climate change and farm viability. The Massachusetts Coordinated Soil Health Program will focus on both organic and conventional farmers to better understand the current resources and practices being utilized. The program will encourage the implementation of cover crops, no-till, nutrient management, and other soil health management practices.

More than 54% of Massachusetts cropland is dedicated to hay or corn for silage (USDA). Meanwhile, vegetables are the second largest crop acreage in the state. Yet, both the veg-

etable and dairy industries' established presence has not buffered the economic impact of declining milk prices and a log jammed supply chain for vegetables and dairy products. With improved production methods and soil health practices, Massachusetts farms can strengthen their financial standing and reduce the risk of climate change impacts, setting them up for greater stability and presence in our local food system.

There are many barriers to implementing comprehensive soil health practices for any type of farm operation, whether they be financial or technical. However, there is considerable interest from farmers who are not currently utilizing cover crops or reduced tillage in learning about the benefits, and how to integrate these practices into their operations. The Massachusetts Coordinated Soil Health Program seeks to provide financial assistance including no-cost soil health assessments, free technical assistance, and on-farm learn-

ing events to share information on no-till and cover crop benefits, to influence the likelihood of adopting these practices.

"AFT is thrilled to help establish a soil health program for the State of Massachusetts that can serve farmers and provide support in their soil health journeys. Better soil health means greater yields, more resilience to climate change impacts, such as extreme weather events, and increased pest pressure. Improved soil health means increased farm viability and land tenure for farmers across the Commonwealth." Dr. Emily Cole, New England Deputy Director.

The program brings together a solid advisory team of farmers, soil health experts, and agency partners, all of whom provide knowledge and resources on how to best provide the farmers in the Commonwealth with the financial and technical assistance necessary to overcome the many identified barriers. UMass Amherst Stockbridge

School of Agriculture will be supporting this work by conducting soil health analysis for farmers interested in understanding more about the state of their soil's health.

"Soil health is a critical but also advanced area of understanding for both farmers and scientists. Projects like this provide a unique opportunity to not just study the science of soil health, but to actually see how the science holds up on the farm. That's what we do in the Stockbridge School - we put science to work." Dr. Masoud Hashemi, Extension Professor, Stockbridge School of Agriculture.

"The organic movement is centered around healthy soils practices," said NOFA/Mass Policy Director Marty Dagoberto. "We are excited to partner with AFT and MDAR in order to scale out these practices for the benefit of all farmers and our biosphere."

See **SOIL HEALTH**, page 4 •

## Rec. Dept and Cultural Council host first drive in of the season

BELCHERTOWN – The Belchertown Recreation Dept. and the Cultural Council will host a drive-in movie night featuring "The Croods: A New Age" on Friday, May 21, at 8:15 p.m.

Join the community at the Belchertown High School parking lot, (access from 142 Springfield Rd). Pre-registration is required. The event will cost \$10 per car resident/\$15 per car non-resident.

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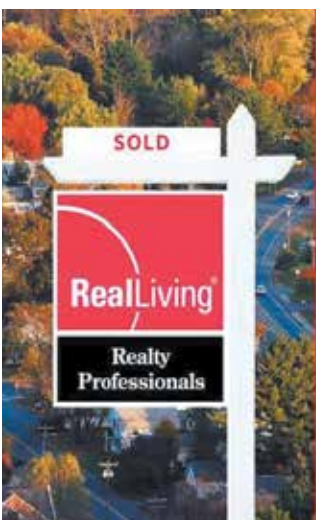


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(From right to left) Colton Hudon, Joseph Kwasniewski, Jacob Tower, Domonic Butryn and Colby Hudon were students that worked on a recent Belchertown Fire Department vehicle. Richard Eckhart and Thomas Kokoski also worked on the project.

## Students help give vehicle new life

MELINA BOURDEAU  
Staff writer

PALMER – From one department's vehicle to another, Pathfinder Regional Technical High School students were able to transform a Ford Explorer from a police vehicle to one of the newest additions to the Belchertown Fire Department's fleet.

Belchertown Fire Captain Robert VanZandt, who is also a graduate from Pathfinder, said this one of several vehicles the department has had worked on by the automotive students.

"We're using the vehicle for administrative uses, training, and some emergency response," said VanZandt.

Rather than purchasing a new vehicle, the department purchased the vehicle for its trade-in value from the police department.

Students repaired rust, installed rear

seats, painted the vehicle and other repairs to the 2014 Ford Explorer.

Pathfinder automotive teacher Craig Sankey said the students get the opportunity to give back to their communities.

"Our towns are responsible for our budgets, and we want to give back to them. It's important for students to get this hands on learning experience, too," he said. "This year with COVID, it makes the timing (of the project) tough, but we persevered. It's been good to be in the shop for the year... This is one of the bigger projects."

He said while the program can't guarantee a project will be done immediately, they can make sure it's done well.

"We make sure there is a quality product that is going to reflect the professionalism and industry standard," Sankey said. "They're proud of

what they do and we strive to be that way. Anyone can teach shortcuts, but we teach the way that quality work should be done."

He estimated the project took about 50 to 60 hours to complete by a group of about eight students.

Pathfinder students Colby Kokosa and Colton Hudon were among the students who worked on the project, which they deemed "stressful."

"One of the things that was stressful was having the time to get this done," said Hudon. "My sophomore year we worked on a Belchertown police vehicle, so this wasn't my first time working on a project like this."

His classmate echoed his point.

"I'm from Belchertown, so I know this is something I'm going to see every day," said Kokosa. "I'm glad it was done in time."

### SOIL HEALTH • from page 3

"Healthy soil is not only a fundamental building block for all agricultural practices, but employing healthy soil practices also contributes to climate change mitigation," said MDAR Commissioner John Lebeaux. "MDAR is pleased to partner with AFT and NOFA to further advance healthy soil concepts that will support the Baker-Polito Administration's environmental and climate goals, and benefit farmers' bottom lines." Goals of the project include:

- Identify the barriers to soil health practice adoption through farmer interviews and surveys, and input from service providers.

- Organize soil health focused events for farmers across the state. The first event in the series, "No-Till Tools for Small Scale

Farmers" is put on by NOFA/Mass and will take place at Long Life Farm in Hopkinton, MA on May 16th. Register at [nofamass.org/events](http://nofamass.org/events). Attendance is limited for safety and a video recap will be posted on Youtube following the event. Establish two on-farm soil health demonstration projects to track soil health changes and economic impacts and to serve as real-life examples for other Massachusetts farmers.

- Establish a robust database cataloging soil health status across the Commonwealth across a wide variety of production systems, soil types, and farming practices, helping to inform locally relevant agricultural research.

- Provide farmers with no-cost soil health assessments and technical assistance.

- Share the lessons learned from farmers, soil health evaluations, and project outcomes to generate resour-

es including videos, factsheets, soil health case studies and reports, providing valuable information about soil health, climate resilience, and the economic viability of Massachusetts farms.

Providing farmers with resources to build health soils is crucial in combating climate change and maintaining a robust food system in Massachusetts. To learn more about the project, visit <https://farmland.org/ma-soil-health-program/>

If you, or someone you know, is a farmer in Massachusetts interested in building resilient soil, please take this brief survey to help us gather information on your current soil health practices. Participants who respond before May 31 will be entered to win one of five \$50 gift cards. Survey can be found here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MASoilHealth>



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Brian and Gerri Lefebvre in May.

# Lefebvres' celebrate 40 years

BELCHERTOWN – Brian and Gerri Lefebvre of Belchertown celebrate their 40 years of marriage on June 8. They married in 1981.

Brian Lefebvre retired May 15, 2015 and Gerri Lefebvre will retire this June 8, 2021 making their celebration even bigger.

They plan to spend many more years together retired, relaxing and enjoying the rest of their lives.



Brian and Gerri Lefebvre as newlyweds.

# One man killed in motor vehicle/motorcycle crash

BELCHERTOWN– Authorities are investigating a motor vehicle crash on Route 9 in Belchertown that left one man dead on Saturday.

Around 2:15 p.m. Saturday, May 15, a motorcycle with two riders traveling west on Route 9 collided with an SUV traveling east near the intersection of Ware Road and Enoch Sanford Road in Belchertown.

The motor vehicle was engaged in a turn when the collision occurred.

The operator of the 2018 Harley Davidson motorcycle, Niles Robbins, 46, of Wales, was transported by helicopter to Mary Lane Hospital in Ware, where he was pronounced dead. The passenger of the motorcycle, a 52-year-old woman from Charlton was Life-Flighted to UMass Medical Center in Worcester with serious injuries.

Neither the operator of the motor vehicle nor the lone passenger were injured in the collision. Both parties remained on scene and cooperated with the investigation.

The incident remains under investigation and no charges have been filed.

The crash investigation is being conducted by Troop C of the Massachusetts State Police, the State Police Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Section, and the State Police Crime Scene Services Section. Troopers were assisted at the scene by Belchertown Police, and Belchertown Fire Department.

# West Springfield drive-in open

WEST SPRINGFIELD – West Springfield Drive-In, in partnership with Eastern States Exposition, will be opened April 23 on The Big E Fairgrounds. The drive-in will feature two 45' by 60' screens and be able to accommodate 300 cars each, in a safe and socially distant family experience. The drive-in, located in the Gate 9 parking area, is authorized to show new release content, once available, as well as special livestream concerts and other events.

The drive-in is open on weekends through the springtime and then seven days per week during the summer season through Labor Day and movies will begin at a time consistent with sunset. Closing for The Big E, scheduled Sept. 17 to Oct. 3, the drive-in will then reopen October through December for holiday themed experiences. Movies will be announced weekly and ticket sales will be available at the time of the announcement. In addition, a full concession stand will also be available for guests to not only enjoy popcorn, but popular Fair foods such as fried dough, fried Oreos, and cotton candy.

"We are pleased to bring this safe and socially distant family experience to the residents of West Springfield and the surrounding communities," said EJ Dean, President, FestEvents. "During the global pandemic, we successfully operated several drive-in theaters across the state of Massachusetts and we are grateful our partner, the Eastern States Exposition, is maximizing the use of the fairground space for the benefit of those in the community."

"Some may recall the Memorial Drive-In, just down the street. We are delighted to carry on that tradition of safe, family fun and look forward to working with EJ and the FestEvent team," said Gene Cassidy, Eastern States Exposition President and CEO.

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## OPINION

### LETTERS

#### Solve noise pollution problem

From time to time, many of us have suffered the scourge of noise pollution from high-decibel sound sources. In many instances, the police for one reason or another do not enforce the noise pollution laws.

Letters to the press complaining about the problem evoke little, if any, response. Many sufferers have given up and suffer in not silence, but noise.

Many seem to think that loud noise is just a mere nuisance. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Loud noise in any form does have severe negative impact on the mental and physical health of people; such as headaches, lowered concentration, and increase in stress by promoting high blood pressure and other cardiovascular problems.

Police are very zealous in the use of radar guns to catch and charge speeding drivers. It makes perfect sense for the police to use sound level meters (decibel meters) to catch and charge noise polluters. Just as the use of the radar guns motivates the police to go after speeding drivers and so helps keep down road accidents, so will the use of sound level meters motivate them to go after the noise polluters, such as motorcycles driving on the town's roads, seemingly with impunity to the senses of the residents in the homes they roar by.

People can "soundproof" their homes, via acrylic panels in their windows, but why should they have to spend thousands of dollars to enjoy their peace?

Doesn't the town have ordinances for sound levels emanating from businesses? Yes, it does.

Why can't that be extended to noise pollution from vehicles?

Sound level meters are as easy to use as radar guns, have similar purchase and maintenance costs and are just as robust if properly cared for.

The mere thought that a policeman with a radar gun might be around the corner can slow down many drivers. What could a policeman with a sound level meter do to the noise polluters? So, BOS, equip your police with sound level meters and give your officers a means to enforce the laws against noise pollution.

Sincerely,

Andrew Katafiasz

#### A Letter of Thanks to Jabish Brook Middle School

Dear Editor,

On an unassuming Thursday in April, my daughter experienced a scary medical emergency while in school. My husband and I received the call from school that no parent wants to receive, that she was on her way to the hospital in an ambulance. While this was a scary and difficult day for all of us, I want to take a moment to acknowledge the quick thinking, bravery, and unbelievable care that was provided to my daughter that day by the principal, nurse, staff, and students of JBMS. From the quick thinking of students who ran to get the nurse, to the care by the nurse while she was experiencing the emergency, to Mr. Ruscio riding in the ambulance with her and acting as a surrogate parent until we could be with her, all involved exhibited a level of care, compassion, and support that still bring tears to my eyes and warmth to my heart. One of the things I love about living in a small town is the way we all care about and for each other, particularly for one another's children, and this was brilliantly on display on that day.

Rachel Martins



## A dahlia fetish

While I always devote a portion of the vegetable garden to cut flower plots for the girls and I, last summer in particular we really got into picking big, beautiful bouquets for the house. One flower that did particularly well for us was the dahlia. I had four varieties total in varying sizes and color, and boy did these add a lot to the vase. I enjoyed harvesting them so

much that I invested in a sampler pack from Old House Gardens mail order company, as well as another couple varieties from local growers. I can't wait to be surprised by what is in my sample pack.

Today was the designated day to plant them. I was a little nervous because the soil temperatures have only begun to warm up, but I had the time so I did it and will pray for the best. Sometimes you just have to do what you have to do! Read on to learn about this unique flower.

Dahlias are not hardy in our area. For that reason we wait until the danger of frost has passed to plant them. They can be started from seeds but most are grown from tubers of a named variety that was purchased from a nursery or mail order company. According to one source, there are some 50,000 named dahlia varieties! Flowers can vary in size from mignon singles that are a mere 2 inches across to AA size which grow over 10 inches wide.

Plant heights vary as well, ranging from six inches to 20 feet tall! Six different size flowers and 14 shapes are possible with colors that appear in nearly every shade except for true blue. Small varieties make especially good bedding plants, mixing well with other annual and perennial garden flowers. Large flowered types are suitable "specimen" plants that stand well on their own in nearly any gardening situation. All are great and long-lasting cut flowers.

Dahlias have the reputation of being "high maintenance," probably because they need to be staked and pinched. They are also prone to insect and disease problems. None of this should dissuade you from growing them, however. Plant dahlias in full sun in fertile soil amended sparingly with compost and organic fertilizers. Most tubers are planted about three inches deep and one to three feet away from one another, depending on plant size. Providing enough air circulation between plants will help keep diseases at bay.

Most gardeners install a stake at planting time and attach the dahlia to it as it grows, beginning when it is a foot tall. Subsequent ties are made every 18 inches or so depending on variety. Without the use of stakes, large flowers will likely topple in the wind and rain, sometimes taking a good portion of the plant with it.



Pinching dahlias is another good practice. When the plant has three sets of leaves gently remove its growth tip. This will encourage more branching and inevitably more flowers. Once blooming starts, it is important to cut away spent blooms on a regular basis; tubers will grow stronger because of it. Dahlias thrive on sufficient moisture, especially since they are shallow rooted. Furnish them with one inch per week during active growth. As the growing season draws to a close, hold back on water and any supplemental fertilization you have been providing. This will give the tubers a chance to harden off before they are removed from the ground.

Dig up dahlia tubers either just prior to or soon after frost hits. Leave a small portion of stem attached to the tubers; it is a great place to adhere a label. Take it from me, it is easy to forget a name over the winter months! Soil should be eased off the tubers with a spray of water before placing in storage. Choose a location to overwinter your tubers that maintain 40 to 50 degrees temps and 90% humidity. These conditions will keep them dormant and healthy until it is time to replant. Many people have good luck using a cold basement or root cellar; small quantities of tubers can be stored in the crisper drawer of the refrigerator. Placing tubers in damp peat moss, saw dust, shredded leaves or even ventilated plastic bags will help to prevent shriveling. Be sure to check on your tubers every couple of weeks throughout the off-season. Should you see shriveling, mist them with clean water and re-dampen the medium in which they were placed. If you see mold, bring down the temperature and humidity level.

Some dahlias like to get a jump-start on the season by prestarting dahlias indoors. We have done this occasionally at Old Sturbridge Village, and I am always amazed at just how fast the plants grow, and how quickly they outgrow their pots and become leggy. If you attempt it, four weeks prior to the last spring frost would be soon enough.

It's my hope that you will venture into the land of dahlia growing and love it as much as I do!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to [ekennedy@turley.com](mailto:ekennedy@turley.com) with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

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Belchertown Police Log

*Editor's note: The following are brief explanations of select entries in the Belchertown Police log and arrests for the weeks of May 5 through May 11. The information was provided by a member of the police department based on the review of the detailed log summary. This feature is designed to provide context and explanation to some of the calls police respond to every day. Of the 350 calls police responded to, there were 19 incidents, five accidents, four arrest/summons and three citations.*

ARRESTS/SUMMONS

Monday, May 10

6 p.m. – An officer responded to a business for a report of a larceny. The officer spoke with asset protection at the business. The report was concerning an employee taking money. A summons will be issued for a juvenile male for the charges of larceny under \$1,200.

ACCIDENTS/INCIDENTS  
Wednesday, May 5

3:40 p.m. – An officer spoke to a person regarding harassing messages they received.

7:37 p.m. – All officers on shift responded to an apartment complex for a report of a disturbance between neighbors. Earlier in the day, the two they had a verbal argument and the two parties returned to the area to engage in a fight. One admitted to striking the other party which lead to an exchange of punches. All parties were advised about how to proceed.

10:38 p.m. – Officers responded to an accident on Brandywine Dr. The operator was travelling south on Brandywine Dr, when they came around a curve and the vehicle lost traction due to a wet roadway caused by rain. The operator then accidentally stepped on the gas pedal rather than the break, causing the vehicle to leave the roadway, cross a driveway and strike a tree. There was heavy front-end damage to the vehicle. There were no injuries.

Thursday, May 6

5:40 p.m. – Officers took a debit card left at an ATM on State St. The officer made contact with owner to arrange for the card to be picked up.

8:49 p.m. – A spoke with resident concerning a box of live baby chicks left in a resident's mailbox. A neighbor said a grey sedan driven teenager pulled up to the mail, the teenager then walked up to the mailbox and placed an item inside of it. Upon going to investigate, the resident found a box of six live chicks that were left overnight. The matter was investigated, and officers spoke with a local business regarding the matter. The chicks were fully feathered and appeared to be several weeks old. Based on the age there was no way to track the matter. No further information at this time.

Friday, May 7

11:21 a.m. – An officer was dispatched to State St for a report that a child was not secured by a seatbelt and was wondering in the back of the vehicle. The officer stopped the vehicle on Turkey Hill Rd. The child was sitting in the booster seat, but was not buckled into the seat. The officer advised the operator to secure child properly, issued a warning and a 51A was filed with DCF.

1:42 p.m. – A caller reported someone used their information to apply for refinancing online. The person had a copy of the email from the lending institution, but they did not apply for the lending institution. Someone was using personal information to refinance their home. The person was advised to put a freeze on the account with a credit bureau and inform it of the fraudulent activity.

3:55 p.m. – A detective assisted an officer with the service of a 209A restraining order due to the need for the party to surrender their firearms. These were retrieved by the officer as well as the license and the items were placed into evidence.

Saturday, May 8

2:40 a.m. – Officers responded for a well-being check on a child due to concerns that the parent(s) were not providing a safe environment.

7:22 a.m. – Officers responded to assist Belchertown fire and paramedics.

9:49 a.m. – Officer to residence to assist the District Attorney's Office. The officer stood by while the locks on the residence were changed.

2:51 p.m. – Officers responded to an accident on Rt. 9 and 202. Two operators were sitting at a stop light on Rt. 202 and

9 when a third struck the second vehicle from behind. The operator said they reached down to retrieve money on the floor and took their eyes off the roadway, crashing into the rear of the second vehicle, which struck the first.

Sunday, May 9

8:32 a.m. – Officer responded to a Warner Rd residence for a report of a past breaking and entering into an unlocked motor vehicle in the driveway. The vehicle was gone through and items were taken. The resident reported they will be checking to see if video of the incident was taken.

8:35 a.m. – Officer responded to a Doe Hallow residence for a report of an unlocked vehicle in the driveway which was gone through. Gift cards and cash were reported taken. Video of the incident was taken. There was a male party in their driveway, officers were able to get the suspect's identity. The matter is under investigation for follow up.

10:26 a.m. – An officer responded to the area of Mill Valley Rd. One vehicle was on Mill Valley Rd stopped at a stop sign and began to move forward, the vehicle behind the first collided into the second. The operator of the second vehicle said the through the first vehicle was going forward, causing the accident. Minor damage was reported.

Monday, May 10

12:15 a.m. – Officers responded to assist Belchertown fire and paramedics.

9 a.m. – An officer took a report of vandalism at the high school.

4:05 p.m. – Officers responded for a well-being check on a person after they got a report from the calling party that their client that didn't return home. The party was located and was staying with a friend.

3:58 p.m. – Officers responded to residence for an individual who was making suicidal statements.

7:06 p.m. – Officers responded to residence for report of a stolen bicycle. The reporting party said a child-size mongoose fat tire bike that was chained to a patio table was stolen and the table was stolen too. There are no suspects at this time.

Tuesday, May 11

5:20 p.m. – Officers responded to an accident. One operator was travelling north on

South Liberty St when the operator's breaks failed. The vehicle struck the left front-side of another vehicle. No injuries were reported. No tow was necessary.

7 p.m. – Officers responded to an accident on Bay Rd. The first vehicle was travelling east on Bay Rd, stopped at a stop sign at the intersection of Federal St. Another vehicle travelling eastbound behind the first rear ended the first vehicle at the stop sign. There was damage to the right rear bumper of the first vehicle.

Granby Police

*Editor's Note: The Granby Police Department responded to 139 calls for the week of May 7 through May 13. Those arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. All information is provided by the Granby Police Department.*

Friday, May 7

6:28 a.m. – A criminal citation was issued for operation with a revoked driver's license.

Saturday, May 8

7:13 p.m. – Officers investigated a motor vehicle accident New Ludlow Rd. The operator struck a deer and caused damage to the vehicle.

Sunday, May 9

7:57 p.m. – Officers investigated a motor vehicle accident involving two vehicles on South St and East St. No injuries were reported.

Monday, May 10

5:58 p.m. – Officers investigated a motor vehicle accident involving two vehicles on West State St. No injuries were reported.

Wednesday, May 12

11 a.m. – Officers investigate fraudulent purchases on resident's credit card.

Thursday, May 13

1:29 a.m. – Officers investigated a motor vehicle accident on South St. The operator drove off the roadway and struck a utility pole. The operator left the scene prior to the officer's arrival. Officers located the operator and issued a criminal citation for leaving the scene of property damage.

BELCHERTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET PRESENTATION  
PUBLIC HEARING

The Belchertown School Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday May 25, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., to present the FY 2022 School Department Budget. Per Governor Baker's order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A sec. 20, the public will not be allowed to physically access this Budget Hearing. Members of the Public can access the meeting via live stream. Link will be located at [www.belchertownps.com](http://www.belchertownps.com) under the School Committee link at the top of the page beside the Agenda for this meeting.

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**Friday, May 28**  
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BELCHERTOWN  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
SCHOOL CHOICE PROGRAM  
2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

The Belchertown Public School District is now accepting applications for the following School Choice openings for the 2021-2022 school year:

<b>Grade K</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Grade 6</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Grade 2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Grade 7</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Grade 3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Grade 8</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Grade 4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Grade 9</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Grade 5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Grade 10</b>	<b>12</b>

The Belchertown Public Schools combine innovation and tradition to provide positive educational experiences for all of our students through quality programs, dynamic teaching and healthy relationships.

The deadline for submitting a **complete** application packet which includes all required documents is 4:00 p.m. on **Friday, June 25, 2021.**

The selection of non-resident students for admission will be in the form of a random drawing when the number of requests exceeds the number of available spaces. There will be two drawings for this purpose. The first will take place on June 25, 2021, and in the event of unexpected additional openings, a second drawing will be conducted on August 13, 2021.

The application and guidelines can be downloaded at [www.belchertownps.org](http://www.belchertownps.org) or picked up at 14 Maple St., Belchertown, MA 01007.

*The Belchertown School District does not discriminate in the admission of any child on the basis of age, sex, gender identity, race, religion, color, national origin, sexual orientation or ancestry, athletic performance, physical handicap, special need, academic performance, disability or proficiency in the English language in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.*

SENIORS

Belchertown Council on Aging

STAFF REPORT

BELCHERTOWN – The following are updates for June from the Belchertown Council on Aging.

There are three exciting opportunities to be outside and entertained. Registration is required to attend, seating is limited. To register, call Katy, 323-0420 ext. 501 by each deadline to reserve your seat! Anyone registered for the original date will automatically be rescheduled to the rain date if necessary.

Each attendee must be aware and agree to the following in order to make a reservation.

There will be no admittance to the Senior Center as the building remains closed to the public. This includes bathrooms! There is a sani-can in the field adjacent to the center if needed.

• Attendees must bring their own chairs and any additional items for comfort - hat, blanket etc.

• Masks must be worn to and from vehicles but may be removed once seated in your chair.

• All chairs must be spaced six-feet apart, unless attendees reside in the same household. In that case, chairs can be placed together.

The BCOA Friends Group, the BSCCA, sponsored of the first two performances.

Memory Lane

On Friday, June 18 from 10 to 11 a.m. There is a rain date of June 25 from 10 to 11 a.m.

Mike and Danny will sing oldies that will bring you back to the good old days. Sing along or just listen and remember favorites from Roy Orbison, The Everly Brothers, Dean Martin, Frank Sinatra and so many more. Register for this event between June 1 to June 11.

Sarah the Fiddler

On Friday, July 2 from 10 to 11 a.m. There is a rain date of July 9 from 10 to 11 a.m.

The moment her bow touches the strings, Sarah's passion for music is evident. Combining her influences of classical, bluegrass, and Celtic music to create a unique style and sound, her performance will have you tapping your toes, clapping along, and dancing in your chair.

Register for this event June 21 to June 30.

A Ray of Elvis:

On Friday, Aug. 20 from 10 to 11 a.m. There is a rain date of Aug. 29 from 10 to 11 a.m.

Ray Guillemette Jr. has amazed and inspired people with his "A-Ray of Elvis" show for over 20 years. He is a 10-time international Elvis Tribute Artist and has performed throughout the United States, Canada, and Japan. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Belchertown Cultural Council a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency. The BCOA is grateful for their support!

Friends of the COA Election

The Annual Election of Officers for the Belchertown Senior Citizens' Center Association, Inc., will be held at their meeting being held on June 1 at 12:30 p.m. via Zoom. Anyone wishing to attend the meeting virtually must request an invite from Katy by calling 323-0420 ext. 501, or emailing kmartin@belchertown.org.

TRIAD boxes PSA

Attention friends with TRIAD lockboxes installed. Lock box update letters went out later than usual this year, but they are very important to return. If no information has changed, you may just call the Police Department to let them know. If information has changed, please return your letter asap or call Katy for a replacement.

Nutritional supplement program

The Social Services/Outreach Department is looking to help seniors via the Nutritional Supplement Program. This program which will remain available until funds are completely expended can be accessed by providing a Physician's Authorization specifying the need for said supplements. They will be purchased for you, and their cost covered, freeing up more of your monthly budget. For more information, please call Laurene Kendall, Social Services and Outreach Coordinator at 413-323-0420 ext. 505, email her at lkendall@belchertown.org.

Medicare Virtual Fair

On June 23, will be open from 3 to 7 p.m. Learn about signing up for Medicare.

This national fair is for people turning 65, retiring, or joining Medicare because of a disability.

There is no cost to attend. This event is made possible through a grant from the federal government.

Anyone who registers can attend all or part of this online event. You will need a computer or mobile device to participate.

Get trusted, unbiased Medicare education from the State Health Insurance Assistance Program, also known as SHINE in Massachusetts. There will be expert SHIP presenters on Medicare eligibility, enrollment, costs, and coverage options.

Visit Virtual exhibits and chat with a SHIP about your individual questions. In your state, SHIP (or SHINE) are federally funded to provide local, trusted, and unbiased Medicare help.

For more information and Event Agenda, you can check out <https://www.shiptacenter.org> or register for this virtual event at: <https://greenvelope.com/event/WelcomeToMedicareVirtualFair>

Prescription Advantage

Even if you have a Medicare Part D plan or coverage from a former employer, there are many reasons to join the prescription advantage, including:

- It does not replace your existing coverage, it supplements it.
- It can lower your co-pays if you reach that coverage gap also known as the "donut hole."
- It allows you to change your Medicare plan outside of Medicare's open enrollment.
- At certain income levels it's free!

Join via Zoom on Monday, June 14 at 2 p.m. when Kathy Devine from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs will explain how Prescription Advantage can lower your Prescription Drug costs.

Call or email Katy to receive an invite to log in or listen in call 323-0420 ext. 501 or kmartin@belchertown.org. Remember you may borrow an iPad if you'd like to participate but don't have the technology!

BCOA welcomes back two additional groups to gather outside

Participants must bring their own chair, water, hat, blanket or other items for comfort. Masks must be worn to and from vehicles but may be removed once participants

are in their seat, spaced at least six-feet apart. Participants must be aware that the Center remains closed to the public and there is no access to the inside of the building, including the bathrooms.

Declutter group goes outside

Friday morning June 4, please join Becky in person and outside, weather permitting, to talk about ways to declutter, downsize and meet others doing the same. This month special guest Marie Ciosek, owner of Photosynthesis returns to give practical options and solutions to help address your collection of photos! If you missed her appearance last time, you have another chance!

Please call Katy at 413-323-0420 if planning to attend, to be added to the automated call list in case of cancelation due to weather. A call will go out at least a half hour before class starts if it will be offered on Zoom instead.

Crafters congregate

The BCOA is happy to welcome back any crafters who wish to sit and knit, or craft or chat, together, Tuesdays at 9 a.m.

Exercise is going on at 9:45 a.m. on the side of the building so please set your chairs up in the front of the building on the grass between the two buildings, along the long hallway that connects the two. Any questions, please call Katy.

June Meals

- 1 Veal Roulade
- 2 Chicken a la King
- 3 Kielbasa
- 4 Fish with crumb topping
- 7 Salisbury Steak
- 8 Alaskan Pollock
- 9 Cranberry Chicken
- 10 Macaroni and Cheese
- 11 Taco Salad
- 14 Hot Dog
- 15 Garlic Chicken
- 16 Roast Beef
- 17 Turkey a la King
- 18 Tuna, Potato and three Bean Salads
- 21 Broccoli Quiche
- 22 Pollock Sticks
- 23 Grilled Chicken Salad
- 24 Meatloaf
- 25 Loaded Baked Potato
- 28 Breaded Drumstick
- 29 Ziti and Meat Sauce
- 30 Blueberry French Toast

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# Granby School Committee approves preliminary budget

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI  
Correspondent

GRANBY – The Granby School Committee recently heard a fiscal year 2022 budget presentation and approved the \$10.7 million preliminary operating budget.

The proposed budget, which may still see several changes in the coming weeks, had a projected deficit of \$727,617.

A preliminary budget public forum was held on Tuesday, May 18.

During the presentation, Granby Public Schools Director of Business Adam Tarquini explained where the deficit is coming from for the FY22 preliminary budget, adding that the “big contributors” to the deficit are the decrease in the required local contribution and a decrease in the additional town allocation.

“Compared to last year, we have about \$130,000 less from required local contribution,” Tarquini said. “Up until FY20, the town was funding us at (\$305,000) last year was the first time. For FY22, as of right now they’re planning on reducing it by another \$100,000.”

The actual town allocation to the schools is slated to be \$8.2 million, according to the budget, and the school operating budget is \$10.7 million, leaving a \$2.5 million funding gap. Tarquini said that revenue offsets for the district are projected to be around \$1.8 million, leaving a projected deficit of more than \$700,000.

“We’re not adding anything outlandish in this budget,” Tarquini said, adding that the budget is “operating at the bare minimum” with no new initiatives or asks.

Proposed reductions to help offset the deficit would include several positions: one administrative assistant, three teacher/instructional positions and four paraprofessionals for a total of \$277,617. These listed reductions were not described as layoffs, but instead, as positions held by individuals who have notified the district that they will not be returning.

With these proposed reductions, the deficit would drop to \$450,000, and Tarquini said the schools will be going to the town “for some financial help this year.”

“We will continue to have talks with them to see what the best way and the most financially responsible way for the two of us, the town and the schools, to be able to solve the remaining deficit,” he said.

For FY22, the district will enter into its second year of a three-year transportation contract. The idea of a transportation fee to offset costs was discussed briefly, with members ultimately stating that the consideration of a transportation fee could be “a conversation” to be had moving forward.

School Committee Vice Chair Stephanie Parent asked if the group has contemplated a transportation fee in the case of being asked to trim the budget more, as the committee wants to keep cuts out of the classroom and interactions with the kids.

“Trying to generate some other forms of revenue to help to keep the gap we see each year down, it’s a conversation to be had,” said Tarquini. “It’s difficult certainly in the time during the last 18 months to pay for services they’re accustomed to getting is difficult.”

He added that the two forms of revenue for the schools are the circuit breaker and school choice, and school choice funding is going down.

He said in the previous budget years, FY20

and FY21, the schools were able to avoid going to the town for additional funding.

“Whether it was from some savings or surplus in our school choice account, some savings or surplus from the prior year’s operation budget, we were able to solve for that deficit on our own. What I did say in both of those years is that this won’t be sustainable,” Tarquini said. “We won’t always be able to use (surplus funds) to help offset the entire deficit especially with rising costs like in-kind contribution, salary obligations.”

The schools are now at the point of asking for an additional contribution from the town.

Chair Jennifer Bartosz said the committee needed to vote on the matter in order to proceed forward with the public hearing on the budget.

“We made some recommendations for not replacing people who are leaving, but we still have a deficit remaining and we’re hoping to work with the town to close that,” said Bartosz. “But in order to make it to a next step to have our public forum we need to have a voted on school committee budget.”

## LAMPSON FARM • from page 1

to see how important agriculture is to the economy in Western Massachusetts,” he said. “The preservation of this farm for years to come is part of that legacy.”

Belchertown Selectboard Vice Chair Jennifer Turner said the designation was a huge win for the town.

Turner as well as Chair of the Board of Directors for the Lampson Brook Farm Parcel Jonathan Spiegel acknowledged the late Judith Gillian during their speeches.

Gillian established the New England Small Farm Institute in 1978 as a nonprofit and began negotiating with the state for use and control of a portion of the Lampson Brook farm.

Spiegel said the work done to preserve the parcel goes back many decades.

“This area what you’re looking at here the farm, field activity has been in agriculture for centuries, it been part of Belchertown’s core. It’s never stopped... The effort to make this a continuous agricultural endeavor involved many people over a long period of time,” he said. “More recently...in the 1970s as the agricultural portion of the (former Belchertown State School) closed, there was an effort to it active here and do it in some new and sustainable ways was started by several groups, most notably Women in Agriculture.”



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Representative Jake Oliveira (D-Ludlow) spoke about his excitement to protect agriculture in this region, such as Lampson Brook Farm.

The group became NESFI.

Spiegel, Agricultural Commission member Tammy Ryan and Conservation Commission David Haines were appointed to the Board of Directors to the Lampson Brook Farm. An ex-officio member from the Massachusetts Executive Office of



Commissioner of the Massachusetts Dept. of Agriculture John Lebeaux said the commission is excited to see the land move into the future with community farming, a land lease program and other farming uses.

Energy and Environmental Affairs and a member from one of the entities will own the forest or community parcels are involved as well.

The board has been tasked with creating a management plan that will cover the entire site, to provide for the permanent protection and stewardship, and to establish a fund which will be able to receive money



Chair of the Board of Directors for the Lampson Brook Farm Parcel Jonathan Spiegel spoke about the late Judith Gillian during his speech at Lampson Brook Farm.

for the purpose of maintaining the site.

Town Administrator Brougham said he was excited to be at the event and for the future of the site.

“This took many years and participants and there are unlimited benefits to preserve this land,” he said. “I can’t explain how paramount it was to (get the act) signed this into law.”

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# College **NOTES**

## Jessica Ha of Belchertown named to fall Deans’ List at Nebraska

LINCOLN, NE – Jessica Ha of Belchertown has been named to the Deans’ List at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for the fall semester of the 2020-21 academic year.

Ha, a senior majoring in international business, was named to the Dean’s List for the College of Business.

Nearly 6,800 students at Nebraska have been named to the Deans’ List for the fall semester.

Massachusetts Students Named 2021 U.S. Presidential Scholars

U.S. Secretary of Education Dr. Miguel Cardona today announced the 57th class of U.S. Presidential Scholars, recognizing 161 high school seniors for their accomplishments in academics, the arts and career and technical education fields.

The Massachusetts scholars include:

- Arden E. Lloyd, Amherst Regional High School, Amherst, Massachusetts (U.S. Presidential Scholar in Arts)

## Quinn Kenneally receives Springfield College Award

SPRINGFIELD – Springfield College Senior Quinn Kenneally of Belchertown earned the Springfield College Humanities and Social Sciences Distinguished Senior Award.

Kenneally received the honor at the recent Springfield College Academic Awards held on campus. The Distinguished Senior Awards are presented annually to graduating students who have performed consistently well in the classroom. The award recipients are chosen by their respective peers in their individual department.

## Hannah Pomerantz graduates from Assumption University

WORCESTER – Hannah Pomerantz, of Granby, was one of nearly 400 graduates to receive a bachelor’s degree during Assumption University’s 104th Commencement exercises on Sunday, May 9, at the DCU Center in downtown Worcester. Pulitzer Prize-winning and nationally syndicated Washington Post columnist George F. Will, Ph.D., delivered what he called the “last Assumption lecture for which you will be a captive audience” to the Class of 2021, in which he urged the graduates to live in the present while also imagining the past. The Class of 2021 is the first to graduate from Assumption University, which transitioned from Assumption College last year.

## Sunjae Ha earns University of Nebraska-Lincoln degree

LINCOLN, NE – Sunjae Ha of Belchertown was among 3,512 graduates who received degrees from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln during commencement exercises May 7 and 8.

Ha earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with distinction from the College of Business.

The graduates are from 58 countries, 43 states and the District of Columbia, and more than 250 Nebraska communities.

# Jabish Brook Middle School Quarter 3 Honor Roll

### STAFF REPORT

BELCHERTOWN – The following students made high honor and honor roll.

#### Grade 8 High Honors:

Kamilah Acosta-Morales, Alexia Albu, Matthew Allen, Zander Auffrey, Alexandra Barabolkin, Jack Bergeron, Luke Bergeron, Meera Berryhill, Gavin Boisjolie, Madyson Burns, Samantha Causeway, Liam Chien, Fallon Clancy, Mia Corish, Alyssa Courchesne, Kaia Couture, Julianne Cozine, Lilah Dean, Jillian DeBarge, Juliana Dragon, Veronica Dymkowski, Franchesca Eggleston, Evan Ferguson, Kaley Fletcher, Trenton Harper, Aubrey Harrington, Benjamin Les, Noah Les, Andrew Martin, Ian McDonald, Joshua Misiaszek, Allison Morris, Zachary Mullen, Gianna Picardi, Nicholas Rettura, Alexis Romaniak, Margaret Ryczek, Varvara Sas, Liam Spraggon, Addison Sullivan, Reegan Sullivan, Jordan Wetherell and Valerie Williams.

#### Grade 8 Honors:

David Akodu, Emma Arcouette, Jackson Benedetti, Senem Cayan, Katie Collins, Adam Cooper, Levi Daigle, Ryan Davis, Katherine Dorman, Zachary Dragon, Cooper Ferguson, Katie Gay, Caleb Gloster, Jared Haynes, Aliza Hayward, Lucia Hellyar, Liam Howard, Daniel Hulmes, Dominic Jarry, Jada Kelley, Grace Kokosa, Alexander Leahy, Sienna Ljungberg, Jack Mandeville, Kate Mark, Isabella Martins, Shantel McCullough, Rocco Meausky, Logan Moses, Chloe Moss, Colin Mullen, Ethan Murphy, Shanelle Nganga, Riley Olden, Shyam Patel, Jacob Payne, Katelyn Piercey, Hannah Racine, Daniel Rackliffe, Brianna Ribeiro, Vivian Ross, Adison St. Germaine, Brycen Vann, George Wheeler, Howard Wichert, Pierre Willems, and Emma Yurkunas.

#### Grade 7 High Honors:

Edith Audette, Rachel Baltazar, Jaden Bean, Lucas Bermudez, Mackenzie Burch, Canyon Charron, Sofia Cofone, Josalyn Currier, Hannah D’Amours, Morgan Dulude, Lila Goodrich, Ryan Gould, Jillian Harper, Avigail Heroux, Jordan Kalish, Alexa Karabetosos, Clara Lambert, Ethan Lamore, Jannah Leclerc, Layla Liminski, Alex Longridge, Morgan Marshall, Molly Mazzaferro, Miles McNamara, Mya Philpott, Destiny Ranzie, Austin Raymer, Steven Ryan, Camryn Scoon and Hanna Smolinski.


#### Grade 7 Honors:

Abigail Almeida, Alexis Canoa, Elliot Capitan, Chase Connor, Mya Couse, Noah Couture, Luke Dudek, Logan Duke, Madison Fontaine, Jake Gormely, Timothy Haley, Cooper Hampson, Brooklyn Keeler, Nikki Kofides, Emma Kornbluth, Sadie-Louise Krause, Hannah Mandeville, Nathan Marino, Alex Maroney, Isabel Moreau, Michael Murray, Adam O’Rourke, Evan Perkins, Joshua Reynolds, Gia Ronkese, Arabella Smith, Loralai Smith, Vincent Ting and Patick Wallace.

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## Applications being accepted for JMK Scholarship

REGION – The Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley is now accepting applications for a local award, with the possibility of winning District and International honors as well.

The 2021 Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship is open to women in Western MA enrolled in at least the second year of an undergraduate program through the final year of a Master’s program in business, leading to a business management career. The program is designed to encourage women to enter careers and to seek leadership positions in business-related fields in their communities and throughout the world. The club offers a \$1,000 scholarship to the most outstanding Klausman applicant. Completed applications are due by May 28.

The application is available for download at [www.zontaqv.org/resources](http://www.zontaqv.org/resources).

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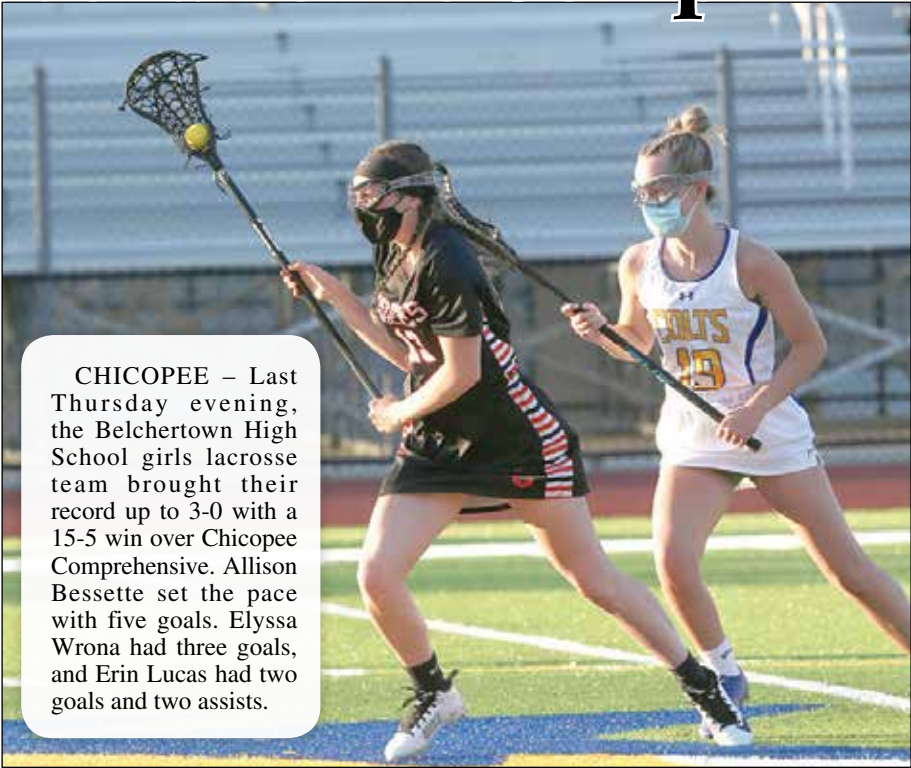
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## Offense overwhelms Comp



Olivia Corbin looks across to make a pass.



Paige Wagner heads for the goal.

CHICOPEE – Last Thursday evening, the Belchertown High School girls lacrosse team brought their record up to 3-0 with a 15-5 win over Chicopee Comprehensive. Allison Bessette set the pace with five goals. Elyssa Wrona had three goals, and Erin Lucas had two goals and two assists.



Erin Lucas makes a run up the middle of the field.



Michelle Zaluga looks to make a throw.



Maya Monteiro creates separation between herself and the Comp defense.

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### BOYS LACROSSE

## Rams fall to Mustangs

TIM PETERSON  
Sports Correspondent

GRANBY—One of the things that first-year Monson boys lacrosse coach Conor Quinn wants his players to do in every match is to score 10 goals before the opposing team.

Just like in the season opening victory against Granby five days earlier, the Mustangs reached the ten-goal mark first and coasted to a 19-1 road victory, last Monday afternoon (May 10).

“One of our goals is to score ten goals before the other team does in every game that we play,” Quinn said. “Whenever we’re able to do that, it usually gives us an edge. It also makes it very difficult for the opposing team to make a comeback.”

The Mustangs (2-1) also scored more than ten goals against St. Mary’s of Westfield, but they lost that match.

The trio of senior Joe Angelica, junior Nick DiSanti, and sophomore Cole Stevens recorded hattricks in the Mustangs second meeting of the season against Granby (0-2).

“We like to play fast and with a lot of energy,” Quinn added. “It’s a lot of fun when you’re playing fast and scoring goals.”

Angelica led the way offensively with five goals.

“I probably wouldn’t be able to score any goals without the help of my teammates,” Angelica said. “I really don’t keep track of how many goals I score in a game. I do keep track of my assists because

See **RAM**, page 13 •

## Pioneers edge by Rams

PALMER – Last Friday afternoon, Eathan Farrar’s three goals paced Pathfinder to a narrow 4-3 win over visiting Granby. Cody Ferus also scored and Nick Beaulieu had three assists. The Pioneers are 1-2 to start the season.

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Ashton Tebo launches a pass up the field.



Max Sanderson starts a rush toward the Granby goal.



Eathan Farrar takes a shot on goal.



Kiernan Moe receives a pass from the defense.



Cody Ferus shoots ahead of defensive pressure.



SPORTS

Hope Santaniello makes impact in Mutiny's return

TIM PETERSON  
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—Most college students will usually chill out for the rest of the day after taking a final exam. That's not exactly what Laura Gouvin, who lives in Monson, did after taking a Spanish final at Boston College last Saturday afternoon. After finishing the last exam of her freshman year, Gouvin drove about 80 miles west on the Mass. Pike. She arrived at historic Lusitano Stadium in Ludlow about ten minutes prior to the start of the New England Mutiny's season opening match versus the Boston Scorpions S.C., who are first-year member of the United Women's Soccer League. The Scorpions stunned the Mutiny by scoring a pair of goals during the first ten minutes and they held onto the lead for the next 65 minutes. Gouvin, who's a midfielder, assisted on the Mutiny's first goal of the season which was scored by Agawam native Hope Santaniello, who's a forward, during the 76th minute. A minute later, Melina Couzis, who was a senior defender on the UConn women's

soccer team this past spring, netted the equalizer for the Mutiny and the match ended in a 2-2 draw. "Even though I only played a couple of games for the Mutiny in 2019, I really love being a member of this soccer club," said Gouvin. "This stadium is very close to my hometown and I'm really looking forward to playing a full season with the Mutiny this year." Gouvin and several of her teammates have never lost a regular season match while wearing a Mutiny uniform. The last time they suffered a regular season loss was during 2018 season. The Mutiny played their home matches at several different fields that season before moving into Lusitano Stadium at the start of the 2019 campaign. "This stadium is the best home field in our entire league," said second-year Mutiny head coach Jeb Booth. "No other team has the same type of soccer culture that we do here. It's a little disappointing that the concession building wasn't open yet because we can't socialize with the players and their families following the match. It's all about the relationship with me." The Mutiny finished the 2019 regular season with an 8-0-2 mark before falling to the Lancaster Inferno in the U.W.S. Eastern Conference Finals. The Mutiny players waited more than 670 days before playing another match because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Booth wasn't very concerned after watching his team fall behind by two goals early in the match. "I always believe that we will win every match," said Booth, who also coaches the Fitchburg State University women's soccer team. "I believe in them as a team and as players, so I don't get nervous about things very often." The Scorpions are coached by Evan Burokas, who was a member of the Western Mass. Pioneers from 2012-2019. He also played for the Western Mass Professional team in 2015. "None of my players had ever played a soccer match at this stadium before tonight," Burokas said. "I told them what this stadium represents to the community and what it means to play here. It was very special for me to have my team here for the first time. We did take an early 2-0 lead, but we knew it was going to be a tough



Lauren Berman looks to switch up her feet.



Hope Santaniello, of Agawam, scored in the season opener for the Mutiny.



PHOTOS BY DAVID HENRY WWW.SWEETDOGPHTOS.COM  
Ludlow's Ela Kopec kicks the ball away.

game. They just kept pressing us." There are a couple of other connections between the Scorpions and the Mutiny. Booth has coached several of the Scorpions ENCL regional teams for more than ten years. Lauren Berman, who's currently a Mutiny midfielder, played for the Scorpions youth teams from U-8 to U-18. Just like Gouvin, Berman played college soccer at Boston College. She also played for a professional soccer club in Hungary for two seasons and is currently the soccer operations coordinator for the women's soccer team at Harvard University. The Scorpions took a 1-0 lead when forward Kristi Vierra lofted a shot from the left side of the box into the upper right corner over the head of Mutiny goalkeeper Caitlin Murphy. Then forward Meg Hughes scored a breakaway goal giving the Scorpions a 2-0 advantage seven minutes into the season opener. Another Monson resident listed on this year's Mutiny roster is midfielder Lily Fabian, who's a first-year member of the team. Fabian, who plays college soccer at UMass-Lowell, took the Mutiny's first shot on goal that was saved by Scorpion's goalie Kayla Thompson, who was replaced at the start of the second half by Skylar Kuzmich. The Mutiny also changed goalies during

the second half. Ela Kopec, who was starting goalie for the Ludlow girls' varsity soccer team last fall, replaced Murphy. During the 76th minute, Santaniello, who'll be a member of the U.R.I. women's soccer team in the fall, received a pass from Gouvin and put a shot into the net. "I saw that Laura had the ball, but I didn't really know if she was going to make a pass or take a shot," Santaniello said. "She made the pass to me and I just poked it into the net with my toe. It felt great after scoring that goal." After stealing a pass from a defender, Couzis scored the tying goal a minute later. Kopec, who'll be a freshman member of the Villanova women's soccer team in the fall, made an outstanding diving save, which kept the score tied. "Caitlyn played well, and our plan was to change goalies in the second half," Booth said. "Ela also played very well. She has good hands and has the potential to be an outstanding goalkeeper." The other local players listed on the Mutiny gameday roster were Trystin Burger (Granby), Jocelyn Trajkovski (Ludlow), and Lydia Kinsman (Southwick). The Mutiny will be looking to celebrate their first victory of the season when they host the Connecticut Rush at 7p.m. on Saturday night.

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# Chris Buffone captures first win of season

WINCHESTER, N.H. – Ricky Whipple romped to victory in the 57-lap John Zellman Memorial Pure Stock feature Saturday, May 8, at Monadnock Speedway, however in post-race inspection, Davis was awarded the win.

Cam Curtis flexed his muscles to top the Late Model Sportsman main, with Chris Buffone taking no prisoners en route to the Street Stock victory.

Mini Stock ace Gordon Farnum earned his first victory lap of the season Saturday, while Six Shooter powerhouse Dustin Thibodeau's first career outing on the high banks netted him the win, and Jake Bosse was victorious for the second week in a row in the Young Guns.

Pure Stock powerhouses Chris Davis and Kodi Sabins led the 21-car field to begin the 57-lapper, which would sail by in break-neck fashion, as all 57-circuits around the high banks were run without cautions. Davis was the man on the point for the first 23 go-rounds.

But while Davis was fast, Ricky Whipple was on a rail. Dropping Davis to second on lap 24, he then sped away and hid. Sabins, a distant second with the white flag in the air, suddenly coasted to a stop in the infield, handing the runner-up spot back to Davis, with former Modsman Joey Jarvis completing his charge from row five to finish third. (in post-race inspection the official top three were Chris Davies, Joey



Chris Buffone, of Belchertown, picked up a win in the 25-lap Street Stock event May 8 at Monadnock Speedway.

Jarvis and JD Stockwell).

Robert Hagar led early and often in the LMS 25-lapper but, on this night, teen star Cam Curtis had the hot hand. Curtis dropped Hagar to second on lap 18 and pulled away.

Hagar finished strong, though, sailing to the runner-up finish ahead of the Bay State Curtis twins, Chase and Jaret. Cole Littlewood was fifth.

Chris Buffone, who'd struggled on opening night, put all his ills behind him Saturday. Starting up front, he led all the way in the 25-lap Street Stock feature to finish well ahead of strong and steady runner-up Nathan Wenzel.

Alstead, N.H. hot shoe Rupert Murdoch came home third, just ahead of Hillary Renaud and Tim Wenzel. Opening night winner

Tommy O'Sullivan – Buffone's uncle – took the night off.

In the Mini Stocks, it was four-holer star Gordon Farnum leading all the way. Opening night winner Ray King kept Farnum in sight but had no answer for the Fitzwilliam hot shoe. Kevin Cormier came home third, just ahead of Louie Maher and division rookie Mike Douglas.

Travis Hollis led the first 21 laps of the Six Shooter main, but Claremont kingpin Dustin Thibodeau, in his first-ever Monadnock run, used the high groove to finally take control and top the division's first feature race of the season. It was Thibodeau's second victory of the weekend.

Hollis was strong in second, with Brandon Mailhot steady for third. Hollis and Mailhot were the

earlier qualifying race winners.

Jake Bosse made it two in a row in the novice Young Guns. Fast Eddie Petruskevicius earned the runner-up hardware, with Jeff Moffat third. Leilei Daniels won Saturday's Young Gun heat race.

Monadnock Speedway will return to action next Saturday, May 15, with a full card of NHSTRA racing, featuring the mighty Modifieds' third outing of the season.. For more information, please visit [www.monadnockspeedway.com](http://www.monadnockspeedway.com).

## Monadnock Speedway

### May 8 results:

Street Stocks: Christopher Buffone, Nathan Wenzel, 88-Hillary Renaud, Timothy Wenzel, Paul Smith, Nathaniel Nunez, Keith Johnson, Isabella

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Late Model Sportsman: Camdyn Curtis, Robert Hagar, Chase Curtis, Jaret Curtis, Justin Littlewood, Austin Brehio, Tyler Lescord, Cole Littlewood, William Kuhn, Kevin Vaudrien, Nancy Muni Ruot, Daniel Comeau, Rocky Smith, Ryan Currier, Scott Beck

Mini Stocks: Gordon Farnum, Raymond King, Kevin Cormier, Louie Maher, Michael Douglas, Ethan Marsh, Jeff Asselin, Kevin McKnight, William Chaffee, Trevor Carey, Patrick Houle, Jake Puchalski, Matthew Lambert, Adam Sprague, Tim LeBlanc, Josh Wright, Kevin Clayton

Young Guns: Jake Bosse, Edward Petruskevicius, Jeffrey Moffat Jr, Leilei Daniels, Aaliyah Tacy

Six Shooters: Dustin Thibodeau, Travis Hollins, Brandon Mailhot, Chris Hadley, Micheal Yeaton, Bucky Thibodeau, Maxwell Chaput, Jeremy Blood, Chooch Snidel, Paul Colburn, John Thibodeau

Pure Stocks: Chris Davis, Joseph Jarvis, JD Stockwell, Jason LeRay, David Stone Jr, Kodi Sabins, Jake Bosse, Ken LaFont, Cory Lofland, Damien Houle, James Zellman Sr, Brittany Patnode, Brianna Patnode, Ryan Lawliss, James Zellman, Kyle Robinson Newell, Nicholas Houle, Chris Higbee, Carter Chamberlin, William Graham

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it's always a lot more fun watching one of my teammates score a goal."

Stevens finished the road match with four goals, while DiSanti netted all three of his goals during the first half.

Monson freshman goalie Scott Kustra came close to posting his first career shutout. He only had

to make a couple of saves.

The only positive thing that first-year Granby head coach Brady Seymour took from the match was the performance of freshman goalie Connor McDonnell, who made a season-high 40 saves.

"Connor is an outstanding goalie," said Seymour, who wasn't very happy following the match. "We just need to keep improving in every game."

It took the Mustangs seven seconds to score their first goal, as Stevens delivered a quick pass to DiSanti, who fired a close range shot into the cage.

With a little more than four minutes remaining in the opening quarter, the Mustangs built a 4-0 lead following goals by senior Zack Wysk, DiSanti, and Joe Angelica.

Junior Michael Arabik scored the lone Granby goal, which was

unassisted, with 3:52 left in the opening quarter.

A goal by eighth grader Domanic Fleming with two minutes left in the quarter gave Monson a 5-1 advantage.

The Mustangs pulled away during the second quarter by scoring six more goals.

Joe Angelica and Stevens combined to score the Mustangs first four goals of the second stanza.

Monson's tenth goal was scored

by DiSanti with 5:45 left in the first half.

Senior Mike Lacacy put his name into the scoring column following a rebound goal giving the visiting team a commanding 11-1 halftime lead.

The Mustangs second half goals were scored by sophomore Jack Jennings, junior Jason Angelica, Stevens, and Joe Angelica.



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OBITUARY

DEATH NOTICE

**Charles F. Howard**  
Died May 11, 2021  
Service: May 22  
at 10:30 a.m.  
BUCC

The Sentinel  
OBITUARY  
POLICY

Turley Publications offers two types of obituaries.

One is a free, brief **Death Notice** listing the name of deceased, date of death and funeral date and place.

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Charles Howard

BELCHERTOWN-Charles F. Howard, the oldest resident of Belchertown, passed away May 11, 2021 at the incredible age of 103.

He was born Jan. 23, 1918, son of Everett C. and Geraldine (Fairchild) Howard. He lived his whole life in this town and was the fifth generation of Howard's to reside here. Charlie helped his father work on the family farm, "Mtn View Orchards" on Jackson St. The Howards were well known for their development of hybrid strawberries, apples and the "Howard Star Petunia". Young Charlie and his father delivered produce throughout Western Mass. and the pre-Quabbin Swift River Valley towns. Charlie was a member of the Belchertown Grange and for many years travelled to all the county fairs setting up their fruit displays, selling seeds and cuttings. Charlie had many jobs throughout his life including, first person to rent out boats at Gate # 8, Quabbin. He was a very hard worker and often held down two jobs. He drove Howard's school bus, was a Belchertown policeman, worked at the Belchertown State School as a driver and was an EMT.

He was predeceased by his wife, Helen (Cook) Howard of 59 years at her death in 2000. Charlie leaves behind two children, Mark Howard and Holly Rainaud-Loss (Alex) and former son-in-law,



"Charlie #2" Rainaud, four grandchildren, Andrew Rainaud (Lisa), Wendy McDonald (Bob), Adam Howard and Adele Howard (Chiqui) as well as nine great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. He had many friends through the years including Rose and Phil Sawicki.

Charlie loved the great outdoors, hiking throughout New England and the northern Appalachian Trail, fishing, canoeing the Swift River and in later years, feeding the birds and wildlife (including the occasional bears). Charlie fulfilled a lifelong dream-taking the Amtrak train across America SOLO sometime in his eighties. The family would like to thank all the doctors, nurses and hospice workers that kept Dad going over the last few years, especially his granddaughter, Wendy, Amy, Diane, Renee, Kate and Sheryl (affectionately known as "Sarah").

Peace be with you, Dad.

On Saturday, May 22, a visiting time will be held at BUCC from 10 to 10:30 a.m. with a service to begin at 10:30 a.m. in the church. Burial will follow in Mt Hope Cemetery.

Beers & Story Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements.

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Granby Library  
youth happenings

GRANBY – Visit [granbylibrary.com](http://granbylibrary.com) and Granby Library Children's Room Page on Facebook for updates.

**CFCE Zoom Playgroup and take and make at the Granby Library**

Each Tuesday, join Marti, our playgroup facilitator from 10 to 11 a.m., for sensory play, stories, songs and take and make crafts from library bags below. There will be no playgroup on May 25.

Email Marti for a Playgroup Zoom link [mwiechman@collaborative.org](mailto:mwiechman@collaborative.org).

**Take and Make Bag and Story Walk from May 18 to June 28**

Stop by the Granby Library to read out Story Walk Corduroy, along the library sidewalks. Also pick up a take and make bag which includes Corduroy activity sheets. Take and make bags are available T-F in the library lobby between 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**Baby-toddler sign language classes live online Wednesday mornings 10:30 to 11 a.m. through June 9**

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**Check out the library passes**

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Please check with each venue for ticket reservation requirements.

Call for availability 467-3320 from Tuesday through Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

BELCHERTOWN SCHOOLS MENU

Breakfast and lunch are free for all students all year.

**COLD SPRING SCHOOL**

Monday, May 24: Breakfast – mini-pancakes and fruit  
Lunch – popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes, corn and mixed fruit.  
Alternate – tuna wrap.

Tuesday, May 25: Breakfast – cereal bar, yogurt and 100% fruit juice.  
Lunch – tuna boat, pretzels and celery sticks with sunbutter.  
Alternate – turkey sandwich.

Wednesday, May 26: Breakfast – apple frudel and fruit  
Lunch – cheese pizza, roasted broccoli and chocolate chip sunny bars.  
Alternate – ham sandwich.

Thursday, May 27: Breakfast – cereal and 100% fruit juice.  
Lunch – mini maple pancakes with yogurt, breakfast sausage and steamed carrots.  
Alternate – pretzels with a cheese stick.

Friday, May 28: Breakfast – Pop tarts and fruit.  
Lunch – corn dog on a stick, fries and steamed veggies.  
Alternate – cheese sandwich.

**SWIFT RIVER SCHOOL**

Monday, May 24: Lunch – Oriole chicken bowl (popcorn chicken, corn, mashed potato and gravy) and mixed fruit.  
Alternate – sunbutter and jelly

Tuesday, May 25: Lunch – tuna boat, pretzels and celery sticks with sunbutter.  
Alternate – turkey sandwich.

Wednesday, May 26: Lunch – cheese pizza, roasted broccoli and chocolate chip sunny bars.  
Alternate – ham sandwich.

Thursday, May 27: Lunch – egg, cheese, turkey sausage tornados, sweet potato fries and 100% fruit juice.  
Alternate – sunbutter scoop with animal crackers and a cheese stick.

Friday, May 28: Lunch – corn dog on a stick, fries and steamed veggies.  
Alternate – mini-pancakes and string cheese.

**CHESTNUT HILL COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

Monday, May 24: Lunch – Oriole chicken bowl (popcorn chicken, corn, mashed potato and gravy) and mixed fruit.

Alternative – sunbutter and jelly

Tuesday, May 25: Lunch – tuna boat, pretzels and celery sticks with sunbutter.  
Alternate – turkey sandwich.

Wednesday, May 26: Lunch – cheese pizza, roasted broccoli and chocolate chip sunny bars.  
Alternate – ham sandwich.

Thursday, May 27: Lunch – egg, cheese, turkey sausage tornados, sweet potato fries and 100% fruit juice.  
Alternate – sunbutter scoop with animal crackers and a cheese stick.

Friday, May 28: Lunch – corn dog on a stick, fries and steamed veggies.  
Alternate – mini-pancakes and string cheese.

**JABISH BROOK MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Monday, May 24: Lunch – Oriole chicken bowl (popcorn chicken, corn, mashed potato and gravy), dinner roll and mixed fruit.

Tuesday, May 25: Lunch – meatball grinder, oven fries and broccoli salad.

Wednesday, May 26: Lunch – chicken dippers, warm pretzel with cheese sauce, garden salad and ice cream treat.

Thursday, May 27: Lunch – egg, cheese and turkey sausage tornados, sweet potato fries and canned fruit.

Friday, May 28: Lunch – corn dog on a stick, tater tots, steamed veggies and a school-baked cookie.

**BELCHERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL**

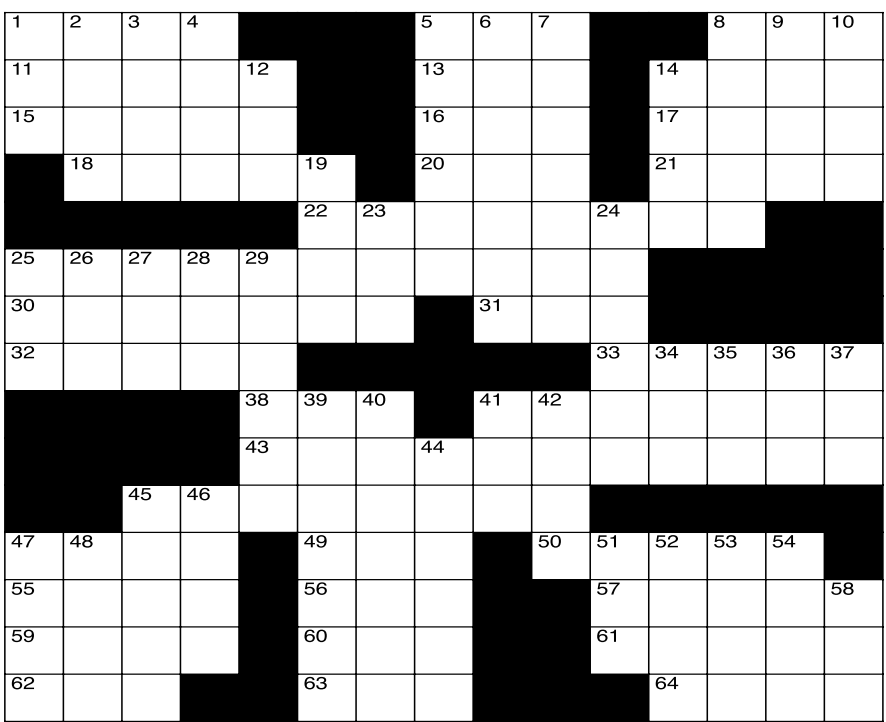
Monday, May 24: Breakfast – BHS breakfast rack.  
Lunch – Oriole chicken bowl (popcorn chicken, corn, mashed potato and gravy) and dinner roll.

Tuesday, May 25: Breakfast – BHS breakfast rack.  
Lunch – meatball grinder, oven fries and broccoli salad.

Wednesday, May 26: BHS remote learning day, no in school meals.

Thursday, May 27: Breakfast – BHS breakfast rack  
Lunch – egg, cheese and turkey sausage tornados, roasted potato and canned fruit.

Friday, May 28: Breakfast – BHS breakfast rack.  
Lunch – corn dog on a stick, tater tots, steamed veggies and a school-baked cookie.



- CLUES ACROSS**

  - 1. Prevents harm to young
  - 5. "Losing My Religion" rockers
  - 8. Partner to pan
  - 11. Cavalry unit
  - 13. Peyton's little brother
  - 14. Mexican dish
  - 15. Disseminates info to the public
  - 16. Set an animal on
  - 17. Canadian flyers
  - 18. Elongated mouths of anthropods
  - 20. I (German)
  - 21. Opposite of west
  - 22. Glows
  - 25. Measures how quickly a car moves
  - 30. One who has gained wealth
  - 31. Patti Hearst's captors
  - 32. Extensive landed
- property

  - 33. Male aristocrat
  - 38. For each
  - 41. More fidgety
  - 43. Very happy
  - 45. A place to store info
  - 47. Helps to heal
  - 49. 12th month (abbr.)
  - 50. Broad, shallow craters
  - 55. Nocturnal S. American rodent
  - 56. Frost
  - 57. Ethiopian town
  - 59. Curved shapes
  - 60. Company that rings receipts
  - 61. Spiritual leader
  - 63. Cars need it
  - 64. Partner to relaxation
- lution tool (abbr.)

  - 2. Type of school
  - 3. Formal close (music)
  - 4. Transmits high voltage
  - 5. A way to occupy a certain area
  - 6. Draws out
  - 7. His Airness
  - 8. Nocturnal rodents
  - 9. South American plants
  - 10. Homestead
  - 12. Bland or semiliquid food
  - 14. Forest resident
  - 19. The body needs it
  - 23. Atomic mass unit (abbr.)
  - 24. Spell
  - 25. Relaxing place
  - 26. Political fundraising tool
  - 27. Make a mistake
  - 28. Partner to Adam
- 29. Tyrant
  - 34. Unit of electrical resistance
  - 35. A history of one's life
  - 36. Actor DiCaprio
  - 37. Sea eagle
  - 39. Avoiding being caught
  - 40. \_\_\_ de Mornay, actress
  - 41. Belonging to a thing
  - 42. Not us
  - 44. Motorcars
  - 45. Capital of Bangladesh
  - 46. Ancient Greek sophist
  - 47. Practice boxing
  - 48. \_\_\_ Grant, actor
  - 51. Swiss river
  - 52. S. Sudan river
  - 53. A bumpkin
  - 54. One point south of southwest
  - 58. Small island (British)





Rick Beaulieu was elected as a new member of the Selectboard on Monday.

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Donald Lindsay won a seat on the Housing Authority, which has a five-year term. Lindsay received 441 votes.

Incumbent Jennifer Bartosz and Jill Pelletier won positions on the School Committee. They received 402 votes and 414 votes, respectively. The seats have a three-year term.

Incumbent Gordon Landry won reelection as the Commissioner of Burial Grounds with 475 votes. The position has a three-year term.

Three people ran for three available seats as Library Trustees, which have a three-year term. Incumbents Janice Cook and Theresa Laprade as well as Denise Conti won the three seats with 432, 413 and 443 votes respectively.

There was one vacancy for as a Library Trustee for an unexpired term and Candace Ribero received 24 votes as a write-in candidate for the position.



Granby Selectboard candidate Stephen Chojnacki received 205 votes in the Annual Town Election on Monday.



Nita Abbott won a seat on the Granby Planning Board with 316 votes in the Annual Town Election on Monday.



Tom Barry, of the Citizens for Stormwater Reform, was at the Annual Town Meeting on Monday to educate voters about the upcoming Annual Town Meeting warrant articles regarding stormwater reform.

PHOTOS BY MELINA BOURDEAU

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“I have a lot of learning to do,” Pucel said on Monday evening. “I want to set myself up for success and I’m looking forward to being a positive member of the town. I know we have to finalize the budget; we have a new fire chief starting, there are a lot of things in flux right now.”

Aponte, who served on the Selectboard in the past, said he was happy to hit the ground running.

“We still have to finalize our budget and our capital budget in advance of town meeting,” he said. “From my experience, I’m ready for it.”

Aponte will need to resign from the Finance Committee and Town Moderator Amanda Halperin will need to fill the seat via appointment. Halperin would appoint a new member of the Finance Committee for the remainder of Aponte’s term which expires on June 30, 2023, according to Toothill Berte.

There were four candidates running for two available seats on the School Committee.

Incumbent Ruby Bansal and Amy Lamothe won the positions. Bansal received 642 votes and Lamothe received 551.

Candidates Sean Lavalley and Jonathan Ritter received 247 and 516 votes respectively. The position has a three-year term.

Bansal said she excited to continue the work the committee has started.

“I look forward to another three years,” she said. “We have a lot of work to keep up with the changing (state) mandates as they are coming out and picking up all the projects we’ve started.”

Lamothe said she was looking forward to the ability to focus on Belchertown students’ mental health in the years to come.

“I’m excited to have this opportunity to help our children in town. Like

Ruby said, I think keeping up with all of the transitions to full time learning while keeping people safe (are in the future.) Hopefully setting up vaccination clinics if that’s something we can do,” she said. “One of the top priorities is focusing on the kids’ mental health and how everything has played out in the last year.”

The remaining positions are uncontested.

Theresa Camerlin won the race for Belchertown Town Clerk, which has a term of three years.

Incumbent Judy O’Kulsky won reelection Housing Authority. The position has a five-year term.

Incumbent Colleen Duroshea won reelection for a position on the Board of Health. The position has a three-year term.

Incumbent Daniel Beaudette won reelection for a position on the Planning Board. The position has a five-year term.



Belchertown’s Annual Town Election drew about 1,200 voters to the polls on Monday.

Incumbent Donald Minney won reelection on the Board Assessors. The position has a three-year term.



Belchertown Energy and Sustainability Committee Joanne Collins and John Piekara were at the Annual Town Election to educate voters about the proposed Belchertown Green Grid warrant article which will be discussed at the Annual Town Meeting.

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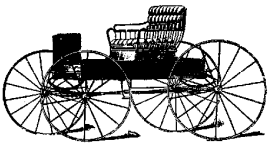
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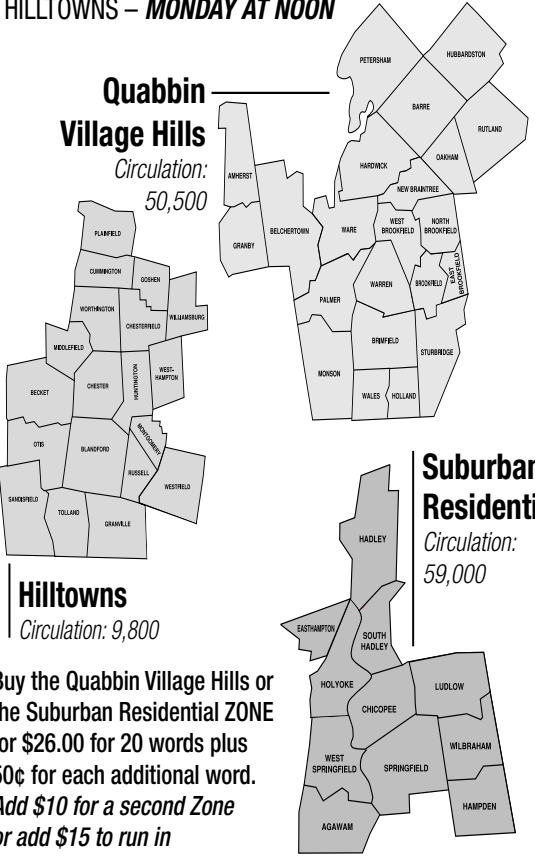
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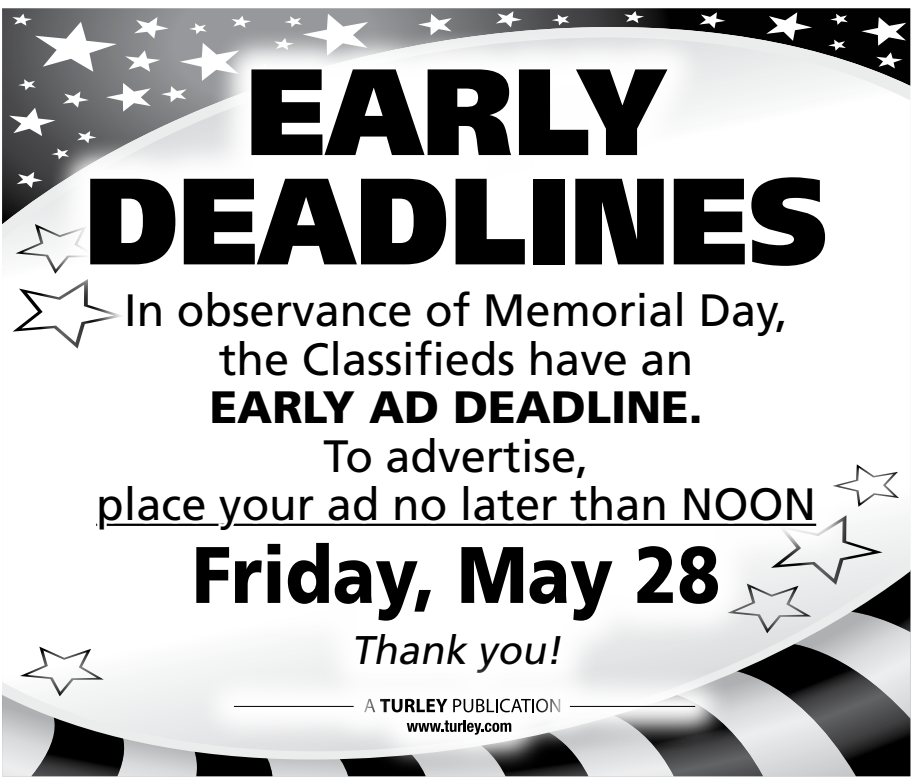
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PUBLICATION NOTICE**

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### Public Hearing Special Permit Legal Notice Belchertown Planning Board

In accordance with the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40A, Section 11, the Planning Board will hold a public hearing to discuss a Site Plan Approval application for a non-profit residential education center, submitted by The Cutchins Program for Children and Families, 52 Old Bay Road, Map 229, Lots 17 and 16.1, Plaza Avenue, Map 228, Lot 44.05, Belchertown, MA, Owner-The Wayne A. Lebrun Living Trust.

Note- this is a revised site plan to include Parcel 228-44.05.

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT**

On Wednesday, the 9th day of June, 2021 commencing at 11:00 a.m., on behalf of the Town of Belchertown, and in accordance with the provisions of Acts of 1938, Chapter 358, Section 2, as amended by Acts of 1939, Chapter 123; Acts of 1941, Chapter 296; Chapter 114, Section J, Section 77B of Chapter 60. I SHALL OFFER FOR SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION the hereafter described property acquired by said Town by foreclosure of the tax title thereon or by an owner's deed in lieu of foreclosure.

#1 A parcel of land situated at 460 George Hannum Street, containing 1.80 acres of land more or less with buildings thereon as shown on Assessor's Map 242, Lot 5 and being the same premises described in a Judgment in Tax Lien Case recorded with the Hampshire Registry of Deeds Book 13382, Page 260. A Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollar (\$7,500.00) deposit will be required to pre-qualify for auction participation.

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15. The successful bidder of said property will be obligated to redeem the Notice of Lien recorded in Hampshire County Registry Book 13939, Page 8 and the balance of the Tri-Lakes sewer assessment recorded in Hampshire County Registry Book 7833, Page 180. Quarterly sewer use charges will be pro-rated at the time of closing. A Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollar (\$7,500.00) deposit will be required to pre-qualify for auction participation.

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